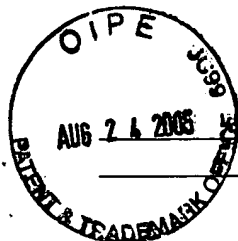


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In re Application of:)
Erik Leonard Hoffman) Examiner: David C. Comstock
Serial No.: 10/037,318) Art Unit: 3732
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IN PARTICULAR A HIP PROSTHESIS)

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

1. Response to Final Office Action;
2. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time; and
3. Return postcard.

With respect to additional fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Petition fees of \$510.00, and any additional fees or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

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